SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

VVES Students Create a Tile Mural



WES students worked together to create a stunning public art project while learning about themselves and their community.

Students at Visiticion Valley Elemen- second and fourth-graders through tary School learned about the cultural the 14-week mural project which diversity of their neighborhood while culminated in an afternoon unveiling transforming the outside of their ceremony on Jan. 11. school with a spectacular mosaic tile stunning public art project.

Muralist Josef Norris

This project is being funded by the mural. Students worked together Potrero Nuevo Fund and is a service using ceramictiles, broken plates, cut learning project of Linking San mirrors and colored grout to create a Francisco, Kid Serv Mural Workshops and the Every Child Can guided Learn Foundation.

Three Methods in Preventing Foodborne Illness

people are coming down with and stored safely after purchase what's commonly known as "food poisoning.

Yet while the numbers are declining. Cleaning the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still estimates that ing pre-packaged salads and melonsabout 76 million Americans contract under cool running water. Refrigerate a responsibility, not an amusement Toodbome illnesses each year.

purchased from stores across the other foods. country. The survey found either Campylohacter or Salmonella in about thoroughly after each use. half of all ehickens tested, down from 75 percent in 1997.

ensure product safety, you've got to do bleach, (plain, unscented) per gallon your part once you leave the grocery of water. Let stand two minutes, store. Infectious germs can spread rinse and air dry

City and Cyclists Planning Some Major in a stronger solution of 3/4 cup chlorine bleach per gallon of water. Classification of 3/4 cup chlorine bleach per gallon of water. Coal forty any invites rinse and airdry. Please, put yourself on highest alert. Alarska A Willis is author of The Ethan Chronicles Requient for a Life Stolen" (Casside Chronicles Requient for a Life Stolen") Bike Improvements

and especially hicyclists are invited 145 F. Cook ground meat, in which stances surrounding the death of their only child on Apr. 2 to a community planning hacteria. workshop focusing on improving bicycle routes safety and access in Visitacion Valley, Bayview, Potrero Hill, Excelsior, Ingleside, Hunters beclosing the northern end of the Central Point, and other neighborhoods in Freeway past Mission Street on Mar. 29. Supervisor Districts 10 and 11.

Southeast Community Center, 1800 Oakdale Ave

Authority and the S.F. Bicycle horizontal reveals every 3 feet. Coalition is one of five community Demolition of the freeway was

The good news is that fewer quickly if food is not handled, prepared

The Three "Cs" of Food Safety: Cleaning, Cooking and Chilling:

*Wash fruits and vegetables-includcut produce promptly

Also, a new survey by Consumer *Wash your hands after handling raw Reports magazine found high levels of ment, poultry or fish. Use one cutting potentially harmful bacteria in chicken board for raw meats and another for

*Wash all food contact surfaces

*Sanitize cutting hoard, countertops and cooking surfaces with a solution Although the food industry works to of 1-3 tablespoons liquid chlorine

*Soak sponges, dishcloths and towels hlind eye to this problem. Soak for two minutes, rinse and air dry. Cooking

A Different Kind of **Homeland Security**

by Marsha A. Willis

We interrupt this program to bring you a special announcement from the Office of Homeland Security. We have received highly credible evidence that up to 42,000 American civilians will be suddenly and violently killed over the course of the year. We are requesting all Americans to be on the absolute highest alert. Thank you. And now back to our normal programming.

If you heard such an announcement, would you calmly return to what you had been doing?

Would you simply shrug your shoulders? Would you think this is someone else's problem and there's really nothing you can or should do about it?

Although the announcement is not real, it could be. Every year in the United States, approximately 42,000 Americans are killed on our roads and highways. 42,000 Americans. Every

Yet as a society, we put blinders on concerning traffic fatalities. We become willing to accept this astonishing number of victims. Yet experts tell us that almost all crashes can be avoided.

After all, distraction, carelessness, and recklessness are behaviors over which we have some control; as is alcohol consumption, the cause of about 40 percent of all crash fatalities.

This year approximately 6,000 young adults 16 to 19 won't come home alive. Why?

*We do not obey posted speed limits, and we buy radar detectors so we won't have to pay the lesser consequences of our actions.

*We daydream or talk on the phone and miss our exits.

*We have a couple of beers with friends then drive home.

*We run yellow and red lights.

The sudden and violent deaths year after year can he prevented. They can of what we are doing when we are hehind the wheel of an automobile.

ear. Model responsible driving behavithan during other months of the year." to help cut down on your gas hill. iors. Teach your children that driving is park ride. Resolve not to send irresponsible teenagers out to prey on others. Show zero tolerance for drivers who glibly put others at risk of death or dismemberment. Pretend you are a commercial pilot with 260 lives in your hands. Do whatever it takes to give your utmost attention to driving safely.

We are all armed and dangerous when behind the wheel. Using our cars as weapons poses a greater threat than anything yet devised by terrorists. But as a society we are turning a

Books, \$14.95 at www.cossidybooks.comj. The book, scritten like a detective story, describes a Neighbors, merchants, residents *Cook roasts and steaks to at least family s journey through the troubling circum-See Page 8 In an antomobile crash

North End of Central Freeway to Close in March

Demolition of the elevated roadway from The public can give their input Mission to Fell Street will commence in Apr. 2 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the surface thoroughfare will then begin sometime in 2004.

Caltrans has been finalizing a design-This coordinated effort between the for a new touchdown ramp at Market San Francisco Department of Parking Street to be made of ocre colored

neighborhoods throughout the City. January hut was delayed until detours are 5 p.m. at Market and Octavia streets

After months of delays, Caltrans will no longer needed after Mar. 27 on King Street for Third Street Light Rail construction. The City also needed the additional time to notify the public about the new traffic detours during demolition about new bike lanes, hike parking the weeks ahead and is scheduled for and to set in place an interim traffic plan and other ideas to improve bicycle completion by mid-summer Construc- after the freeway closes. DP1 is now safety, education and enforcement on non-of-Octavia Boulevard, a tree-lined working outsignalization and circulation details for the Boulevard.

Having been a familiar sight crossing Market Street since the late 1950s. demolition eresys removed the top portion of the once double-decked freeway several and Traffic Bicycle Program. San concrete with textured walls, hlue steel years ago after the structure was deemed Francisco County Transportation structural members and columns with seismically unsale following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthonake.

Supporters of Octavia Boulevard will planning workshops being held in originally scheduled to begin in early have a eelehrate party Mar.30 from 1 to

Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for Valley Community Center in March

hosts a community town hall meeting at and various youth agencies. the Visitacion Valley Community Center (VVCC) gymnasium on Saturday, Mar. tance, ideas raised at this meeting were 22 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

VVCC drew a packed house and was nity members and city leaders compiled quite successful in providing a forum for a published plan for better living in members of the neighborhood to voice Visitacion Valley.

Visitacion Valley residents and friends their questions directly to representatives will again have a chance to ask City Hall of various City departments, including about various neighborhood concerns as the police and fire departments, Parking District 10 Supervisor Sophie Maxwell and Traffic, Recreation and Parks, Muni

With Supervisor Maxwell's assisalso incorporated into a subsequent A similar meeting in July 2001 at three-session workshop where commu-

U.S. Home Ownership Rate on the Rise

from the previous record posted in 2001. the American Dream. And, in the fourth quarter of 2002, a new all-time national homeownership record nounced several 2004 budget proposwas set at 68.3 percent, up 0,3 percent als aimed at increasing the production from both the third quarter of 2002 and of affordable housing, combating the fourth quarter of 2001

larly among minorities, is a priority for the come homeowners. Bush Administration," said HUD Secrethe end of the decade."

in 2002, an increase of 0.8 percent. Last and an added \$2 million for research to 'America's Homeowner-ship Challenge." affordable housing. calling on the housing industry to help Dream Partnership, an unprecedented income individuals and families to find public-private partnership to increase and maintain homes.

Census Bureau data released on Jan. minority homeownership by helping to 27 show that there are more home- educate homebuyers, increase the supply owners in America than at any time in of affordable housing, offer downhistory. The 2002 annual homeownership payment assistance and provide flexible rate was 67.9 percent, up 0.1 percent financing options that help people realize

Recently, the Administration anregulatory barriers, and helping more Increasing homeownership, particu- low-income, minority families be-

These proposals include: \$113 million tary Mel Martinez. "The increase in new increase for the Department's HOME homeowners, announced today, demon- Investment Partnerships Program, which strates that we are moving in the right will boost the supply of housing that is direction towards reaching our goal of affordable to low-income families, as adding 5.5 million new homeowners by well as an additional \$200 million for the American Dream Downpayment Fund Homeownership also increased for to help low- to moderate-income minorities to a record high of 49.9 percent families become first-time homeowners year President Bush announced help reduce regulatory barriers to

Additionally, HUD is requesting an increase minority homeownership. The additional \$10 million toward housing result was the Blueprint for the American counseling to assist thousands more low-

Steep Rise in Northern California Gas Prices

Northern California motorists were Crude oil prices have soared during the hit with the highest gas prices in 20 past several weeks, as the industry dealt months, according to a Feb. 11 report with a major decline in Venezuclan oil gallon of unleaded gasoline in speculated over a possible war with Iraq. the last month, an increase of more than above the \$30 a barrel mark is

and \$1.83, respectively.

'Nationally, this is the highest price

from AAA. The average price for a exports due to a two month strike and Northern California shot up 14 cents in The effect of crude oil prices consistently contributing to the rise in retail prices.

Nationally, prices jumped more than In California, gasoline production is 10 cents in a week, and are now down slightly as refineries undergo averaging \$1.61 per gallon. California routine maintenance in preparation for and Hawaii share some of the highest. March's switchover to a summer fuel prices in the nation, coming in at \$1.79 blend. With demand for gas on the rise, this has left supplies stretched thin.

AAA urges consumers to shop be prevented by raising our awareness ever recorded by AAA during Februaggressively for the best price on ary," said AAA of Northern California gasoline," said Mack "Look for ways spokeswoman Jenny Mack, "This is to decrease your fuel consumption and Pay attention every moment in your usually a time when prices are lower keep your vehicle properly maintained

Third Street Light Rail Construction Moving Closer to Visitacion Valley



Crews preceding construction of the Third Street Light Rail recently removed a concrete island on Bayshore Boulevard at Hester Avenue.

As substructure construction con- west sides of Third Street between tinues along Bayshore Boulevard preceding eventual track laying for the new Third Street Light Rail, bids for Segment F from Hester Avenue to Sunnydale Avenue were opened on Jan. 30. A contract for the construction is scheduled to he awarded on Mar. 4 with a Notice to Proceed slated for Apr. 7.

Just north of Visitacion Valley, utility work has begun on Third Street from Donner to Salinas avenues. Initial work, scheduled to last about a month, will include installation of sewer and water lines.

Utility work is also underway in the Bayview Commercial Core (Jerrold to Donner avenues) on the east and

Armstrong and Donner avenues. Construction there includes installation of sewer and water lines while streetlights are being relocated and replaced with temporary lights from Jerrold to Newcomb. This work is scheduled to last about 4 months.

Third Street Exit Closure On Feb. 18, the northbound Third

Street exit off US101 was closed and will be unavailable for the next 18 months while a new off-ramp suitable for the light rail is built. Motorists can still access Third Street by detouring north on Bayshore Boulevard and tuming right on Salinas Avenue (which merges into Jamestown Avenue and intersects Third Street).

Grapevine Mailbox

What is an American?

In Jamary came a report that someone m Pakistan liad published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American any American An Australian dentist wrote the following to let everyone know what an American is, so they would know when they found one

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian. Chinese, "Japanese. Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arah, or Pakistani, or Afghan, An American may also be a Cherokec, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as Native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the moming of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

Americans welcome the best, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes. But they also welcome the least.

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the moming of September 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. I've been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and ahetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American il' you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Dong, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself.

Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

Supporting an **Increase Of Pay** To the Military

Last Nov. 12, Cindy Williams (who starred in the 1970s as Shirley on Laverne and Shirley) wrote a piece-forthe Washington Times denonncing pay raises coming to service members this year, citing the stated 13 percent wage increase was more than they deserve. A young airman from Hill AFB wrote this response

Ms Williams:

I just had the pleasure of reading your column, "Our GIs earn enough" and I am a bit confused. Frankly, I'm wondering where this vaunted overpayment is going, because as far as I can tell,



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before taxes. After taxes, I take home people cringe. \$874.20. When I run that through the \$10,490,40 after.

Control Center where I am part of the than we deserve? Rubhish! team responsible for a 5,000-host ATC Michael Bragg, Hill AFB, FNCC computer network. I am involved with Bringing Back Those infrastructure segments, specifically with Cisco Systems equipment. A quick check under jobs for Network Techni- Here stoothuse of ushwing had the luck cians in the Washington, D.C. area to grow up as kids before lawyers and reveals a position in my career field, government regulated our lives for our requiring three years experience with uningood? my job. Amazingly, this job does not pay \$13,413.60 a year. No, this joh is we have lived as long as we have: being offered at \$70,000 to \$80,000 per obvious conclusions.

Given the tenor of your column, I always a special treat. would assume that you have never had the pleasure of serving your country in bright colored lead-based paint. her armed forces. Before you take it congressional and DOD leadership for attempting to get the families in the military's lowest pay hrackets off of and not from a bottle. Horrors! WIC, and food stamps. I suggest that you join a group of deploying soldiers choice of service branch up to you, brakes, Whatever choice you make, though, opt for the six month rotation: it will times we learned to solve the problem. guarantee you the longest possible time

As your group prepares to board the plane, make sure to note the spouses and children who are saying good-bye to the ball would really hurt. their loved ones. Also take care to note that several families are still unsure of teeth and there were no lawsuits from how they'll be able to make ends meet these accidents. There were accidents. while the primary breadwinner is gone obviously they've been squandering the accidents? 'vast" piles of cash the government has been giving them.

Try to deploy over a major holiday: nial favorites.

And when you're actually over there, sitting in a foxhole, shivering against the cold desert night; and the flight sergeant friends, from one bottle and no one died tells you that there aren't enough people from this? on shift to relieve you for chow, remember this: trade whatever MRE (meal-ready-to-eat) you manage to get all, 99 channels on cable, video tape for the tuna noodle casserole or cheese movies, surround sound, personal tortellini, and add Tabasco to every- cellular phones, personal computers, thing. This gives some flavor

are permitted: it won't nearly be long enough or often enough, but take what you can get and be thankful for it. You may have picked up on the fact that I Imagine such a thing. Without asking a disagree with most of the points you parent! By ourselves! Out there in the present in your op-ed piece.

But, tomorrow from Kahul, I will defend to the death your right to say it. withsticks and tennis balls and ate worms man, a guarantor of your First happen, we did not put out very many Amendment rights and every other right eyes, nor did the worms live inside us you cherish. On a daily basis, my brother forever

2-MARCH 2003- VISITACION VALLEY GRAPEVINE it disappears every month between and sister soldiers worldwide ensure *Little League had tryouts and not *The idea of a parent bailing us out if we Accounting Service) and my bank your collective nose at us, all on a salary account. Checking my latest earnings that is nothing short of pittful and under disappointment statement I see that I make \$1,117.80 conditions that would make most

We hemorrhage our best and brightest back to repeat the same grade. Horrors! calculator. I come up with an annual into the private sector because we can't salary of \$13,413.60 before taxes, and offer the stability and pay of civilian Our actions were our own. Conse- success and responsibility, and we companies. And you, Ms. Williams, quences were expected. No one to hide learned how to deal with it all. And you're I work in the Air Force Network have the gall to say that we make more behind.

Good Old Memories

Looking back, it's hard to believe that

*As children, we would ride in ears with annum. I'm sure you can draw the no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warmiday was

*Our baby cribs were covered with

*We had no childproof lids on medicine upon yourself to once more castigate bottles, doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets.

*We drank water from the garden hose

*We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down headed for Afghanistan, I leave the the hill, only to find out we forgot the

*After running into the bushes a few

*We would leave home in the morning away from your family and friends, thus and play all day, as long as we were back giving you full "deployment experi- when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day

No cell phones - Unthinkable.

*We played dodge ball and sometimes

*We got cut and broke bones and broke No one was to blame but us. Remember

*We had fights, punched each other and got black & blue but learned to get over it.

*Weate cupcakes, bread and butter, and Christmas and Thanksgiving are peren-drank sugar soda but we were never overweight.... we were always outside

*We shared one grape soda with four

*We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X Boxes, video games at Internet chat rooms .. we had friends. We Talk to your loved ones as often as you went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell or just walked in and talked to them. cold cruel world! Without a guardian.

*How did we do it? We made up games You see, I am an American fighting and although we were told it would

DEAS (The Defense Finance and that you and people like you can thumb everyone made the team. Those who broke a law was unheard of. They didn't had to learn to deal with actually sided with the law, imagine that!

*This generation has produced some of *Some students weren't as smart as the best risk-takers and problem solvers others so they failed a grade and were held and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and *Tests were not adjusted for any reason. new ideas. We had freedom, failure, one of them. Congratulations!

A Message from Assessor-Recorder Mabel Teng

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of San Francisco for cleeting me Assessor-Recorder. It is an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of this great city as its' first Asian Assessor-Recorder.

As your Assessor-Recorder, I'm responsible for the maintenance of official records and to identify and appraise all real and business property within the City. I am dedicated to providing quality customer service and to ensure that all appraisals are conducted fairly and efficiently. In these economic times my office will do our best to generate the necessary funding for crucial city services like police, fire, education, health and homeless programs and much more.

of us. When I took over office my pri-spection records these outstanding permary focus was on those areas where revenue can be generated and to protect our existing property values. I inherited revenues for the City. a budget deficit from the outgoing administration of approximately \$350,000, which I am working on to resolve.

In an effort to establish a strategic plan for the office I have assessed workloads in regard to any backlogs that could affect our City revenues. The following is what I found.

deeds pending examination by our Transaction Unit to determine if the change of ownership on these deeds is assessable. Based on transfer taxes paid on these deeds there is a potential of generating \$25 million in new revenues for the City.

There is a backlog of over 8,000 buildgoing on in the City. Based on information office at 554-5579.



My staff and I have quite a task in front tion from the Department of Building Inmits reflect total construction costs of over \$1.9 billion, or \$21 million in potential

As of December 31, 2002, there were nearly 2,800 outstanding assessment appeals filed by taxpayers protesting the value of their property. Based on the difference between existing property values and the proposed property values of these property owners there is a property value at risk of \$3.5 billion, or nearly \$40 There is a backlog of over 13,000 million in revenue the City could lose.

I intend to do my best to identify new revenue for the City and to protect the City's valuation. I'm assisted by an experienced and diverse team of managers, and have every confidence the we will turn the Assessor's Office into one of California's best public service agening permits reflecting new construction cies. If you have any questions call our

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Come to Church This Week

From the D.A.'s Office

Former Bank Employee Charged with Stealing

Celia Crom, a former employee of U.S. Bank in San Francisco (formerly First Trust of California), surrendered to store employees and their friends. The police on Jan. 2 after a warrant was issued charges were conspiracy, theft of public for her arrest

Ms. Crom, 37, is charged with theft of public money and with embezzlement during 1996 and 1997. Her responsibility had been to oversee various accounts for municipalities and other local governmental agencies held at First Trust (U.S. which were employees of the Bookstore, Bank). Ms. Crom left U.S. Bank in and eight non-employees. Of those 17 January, 2000

issue a payment of \$91,580, from its people were not charged. account, to the United States Geological Service. First Trust sent a check in this of the bookstore faked merchandise States Geological Service erroneously the Yuba County Water Agency. This the bookstore's computer system. check was routed to Celia Crom in the San Francisco office for deposit into the 2002 by a bookstore supervisor who Yuba account.

check was "held" for approximately 3 months. In late September of 1997 the check was credited to the books of U.S. swipe the credit card. The supervisor Bank. Ms. Cromthen moved the \$91,580 into and out of two accounts other than Yuba Water. The amount was then transferred to Bayview Federal Bank to appeared to have been returned several an account in the name of Celia Crom.

accounting error until approximately April 2000, and the embezzlement was not discovered until April 2002.

Ms. Crom, who lists her residence in Belmont, California, could be sentenced to probation or up to 4 years in prison.

Arrest of Man Who Marries to Defraud

The S.F. District Attorney's Office announced the arrest of a defendant Insurance Fraud with a history of marrying women and then stealing from them.

CliffordGamson, 53, was arrested Jan. 9 at the San Francisco county Jail by S.F. police. Gamison was already in custody at the theft of his vehicle. the time, having been previously arrested charged him Jan. 8 with forgery, check cases as vigorously as we can." fraud and grand theft, all felonies

faces a maximum penalty of six years in 24, of San Francisco, surrendered to state prison, and being ordered to pay full authorities on an arrest warrant on Jan. 17. restitution to a San Francisco hotel he Fukushima was charged with conspiracy, allegedly defrauded.

Francisco Superior Court in March on an insured vehicle, submitting a writing 2000 of grand theft from a previous wife and her children, and was and grand theft, all felonies. He is also sentenced to three years in state prison. charged with filing a false police report, a In that case, Garrison had stolen \$60,000 in funds held in trust for the Fukushima faces a maximum penalty of NAACP's legal office. children of his then wife. The trust fund six years, six months in prison, a fine of had been set up after the death of the children's father. Garrison had also run restitution to his insurance company. up thousands of dollars in credit card for the San Francisco conviction.

cisco woman while on parole for California Highway Patrol. Both men defrauding a previous wife in Marin have been charged with conspiracy, when he was swom in as the first County. In that case, Garrison had defrauding an insurer and filing a African-American justice of the U.S. up to \$3,000 in expenses for tuition the year. charged the expenses of his honeymoon fraudulent insurance claim, all felonies. If Supreme Court. His 24-year tenure was and fees if their modified adjusted He also deposited a worthless \$1 million a maximum penalty of five years in prison, ing constitutional rights and affirmative (if married) or \$65,000 (all others). IRAs, to \$3,000 or \$3,500 for persons age check at his wife's bank and then wrote a fine of \$50,000 and being ordered to pay action and by his strong opposition to Married persons filing separate re- 50 or older by the end of the year. News checks off the account. He was convicted full restitution to Fukushima's insurance the death penalty in Marin County Superior Court of check company, A search warrant was also fraud in 1992 and sentenced to two years executed at Yeung and Ng's home at the in state prison.

In his new case, Garrison was living in a San Francisco hotel with his surrendered to authorities on an arrest highest civilian honor-on Nov. 30, mail-material commonly referred to this cost include: current wife between November 2002 warrant Jan. 13. Ryan Wong, 22, of San 1993. until his arrest on the night of Jan. 6. The previous week he had paid the Francisco on Jan 9 by investigators from the Postal Service's Black Heritage representing Internet service provid- that may be considered offensive, hotel for their stay with a check for the California Department of Insurance series, which salutes outstanding Afri- ers (ISPs), and others concerned about \$2,250 he had stolen from his wife. He Fraud Division and the San Francisco forged her signature on the check. The District Attorney's Office. Steven Chi, 23, wife later had place a stop payment on of Mill Valley, surrendered to authorities the check. She has also left San Jan. 22 on an arrest warrant. All three were Francisco to return to Georgia to seek charged with conspiracy, defrauding an Whitney Moore Young, Jackie that not all commercial e-mail is an annulment of her marriage.

last April while incarcerated in counts, Chang, Worrand Chi each face a Roberts Harris, Roy Wilkins and products. Georgia for another arrest allegedly maximum penalty of five years in prison, a Langston Hughes, who was honored in for fraud. He was transferred to fine of \$50,000 and being ordered to pay. January 2002. California a week after his marriage full restitution to Fukushima's insurance and sentenced here for violating his company. California parole. He was released from prison in November.

Arrest Warrants for **Bookstore Thefts**

Arrest warrants were issued Jan. 15 charging 20 individuals with stealing moncy from the San Francisco State University Bookstore.

Those charged include former bookfunds, grand theft, and theft by use of a computer. The alleged fraud occurred between Nov. 20, 1999 and Feb. 14, 2002.

Investigators found that \$152,000 had been taken over the course of 12 months. There were originally 25 suspects, 17 of employees, 16 were current or former In October of 1996, the Yuba County SFSU students. The per-person amounts Water Agency directed Celia Crom to ranged from \$211.41 to \$31.677.52. Five

The allegation is that various employees amount to the USGS for the benefit of returns in order to issue bankcard credits to Yuba Water. In June, 1997 the United themselves, other employees, and their friends. In order to avoid detection, sent a check in the same amount of employees in the bookstore's accounting \$91,580 to U.S. Bank for the benefit of department altered some irregularities in

The fraud was discovered in January. became suspicious when she saw a After it was routed to Ms. Crom, the bookstore cashier manually enter the cashier's friend's credit card number during a transaction - rather than merely reviewed the cash register tapes the next morning and found that the items "purchased" by the cashier's friend minutes after the initial transaction. The The USGS did not realize its supervisor then inventoned one of the New Stamp Honors items on the receipt and found only three in the store, although the bookstore's computer inventory system reported four.

Sentences could range between probation and up to four years in state prison. Restitution would also be part of any disposition. The accused have been charged in three separate groups

Six Arrested for Auto

fraud scheme. One of the men defrauded his insurer out of nearly \$18,000 by faking

"Automobile insurance fraud is a Jan. 6 by state parole agents for parole scrious crime," District Attorney Hallinan violations. The District Attorney's Office said after the arrests. "We prosecute these

The six men were arrested in San defrauding an insurer, filing a fraudulent Garrison ws convicted in San insurance claim, filing a fraudulent claim in support of a fraudulent insurance claim misdemeanor. If convicted on all counts, \$50,000 and being ordered to pay full

Kenneth Yeung, 22, and Jeffrey Ng, 21, Garrison had married the San Fran- Insurance Fraud Division and the schools. time of their arrests.

Christopher Chang, 21, of Davis Francisco, was arrested at his home in San insurer and filing a fraudulent insurance

perjury by Department of Insurance Fraud Heritage series to feature a photograph, alone, then it meets the criteria of spann, site at www.internetalliance.org

with his insurer, Progressive Insurance vehicle was recovered in San Francisco in a stripped condition.

Fukushima made numerous statements to his insurance company regarding the circumstances of his vehicle's theft. He later gave a recorded statement to his insurance company concerning the theft, and submitted a notarized affidavit regarding the alleged theft to his insurer as well. Three month's after the claim's filing, Progressive, convinced the claim was legitimate, paid Fukushima \$5,851.26 for his loss of equity resulting from the theft. Progres- stop elder abuse in our state. sive also paid American Honda Finance vehicle theft.

however, Fukushima had conspired with the other five defendants to striph is vehicle and falsely report it stolen. Yeung agreed parents' house in San Francisco to perform the dismantling of the vehicle.

The other five defendants assisted Fukushima in stripping the car. Fukushima

STAMPS NEWS

Thurgood Marshall

Thurgood Marshall, a famed civil African American to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, received one of the nation's highest honors when the U.S. Postal Service issued a new can include physical assaults, threats or observing abuse anywhere other than commemorative postage stamp January 2003.

The stamp is the 26th in the Black Six people were arrested Jan. 23 in Heritage stamp series. The series began connection with an automobile insurance in 1978 with the issuance of the Harriet occur in long-term care facilities, such Tubman commemorative stamp.

Bom in Baltimore, Md., on July 2. 1908, Marshall graduated in 1930 from of abuse in a long-term care facility can available online at www.safestate.org/ Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, determined to become a lawyer. Later hygiene, unexplained bruises or welts, copy can be obtained by writing the that year he entered Howard University Law School in Washington, D.C

If convicted of all counts, Garrison Francisco and Davis. Damien Fukushima, class in 1933, Marshall opened a private practice in Baltimore. In 1934, he also began to serve as pro bono counsel for the Baltimore branch of the National particularly susceptible to telemarketing fear of crime or abuse. Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). By 1936, he had closed his private practice and was working for the NAACP's national legal staff in New York City. In 1938, Marshall was promoted to chief counsel and became responsible for running the

lawyers in the history of civil rights in now applicable to the first \$6,000 for America. In 1954, Marshall and his singles, \$10,000 for heads of house-deductions are itemized legal team prevailed in the landmark hold and \$12,000 for married persons debt in his wife's name without her both of Davis, were arrested Jan. 9 at the Supreme Court case, "Brown v. Board filing joint returns. knowledge. Garrison is still on parole home they shared there by investigators of Education of Topeka, Kansas," from the California Department of which struck down segregation in public that applies to students and others who or 403(b) plan at work. The maximum

Marshall made history again in 1967, secondary education. to the credit card of his new wife's sister. convicted of all counts, Yeung and Ng face marked by his commitment to defend gross income is at or below \$130,000 maximum deductible contribution for

On Jan. 24, 1993, Marshall died in Bethesda, Md., at the age of 85. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential consumers who are tired of receiving costs of spam to consumers is Medal of Freedom-our country's fraudulent unsolicited commercial e- significant. Factors contributing to

Marshall joins 25 other honorees in can-American activists, theorists, edu- the issue, is working to delete this the Internet, and cators and leaders. Other notable online problem. Americans in the series are: Martin Luther King, Jr., Benjamin Banneker, Internet Alliance, is quick to point out customers. Robinson, Scott Joplin, Benjamin O. spam. Legitimate businesses use e- the continued success of ISPs, in Garrison married his current wife claim, all felonies. If convicted of all Davis, Sr., Madam C.J. Walker, Patricia mail to inform consumers about new part, rests on their ability to continue

designed by Richard Sheaff of Scottsdale, reliable contact information and is sent

Division Investigator Frank Lincoln in parts from his vehicle and keep them or VISITACION VALLEY GRAPEVINE MARCH 2003 - 3 support of the arrest warrants allege that sell them as their payment for helping police then contacted the District Fukushima reported his 2000 Acura him defraud his insurance company Integra had been stolen while parked in Yeung took the Acura's headlights, front of his house in San Francisco in taillights, both bumpers and the hood. February 2002. He filed a report with the Yeung in turn gave these parts to his investigation by the Fraud Division and San Francisco Police Department con-college roommate, Ng, who then sold the the San Francisco Police Department, cerning the alleged the ft and made a claim parts on the Internet. After the stripping was complete, the defendants pushed Company. Two days later, Fukushima's Fukushima's vehicle out of Yeung's was found by San Francisco police several days later.

> later when some individuals who were After his arrest on Jan. 9, Ng gave a aware of Fukushims's fraudulent scheme statement to investigators, admitting his

> Attorney's Office and the Department of Insurance's Fraud Division and a criminal investigation was commanded. During the Yeung, Chi, Chang and Won admitted their involvement and the involvement of Fukushima and Ng in the fraud. garage and rolled it to the location where it Investigators from the fraud department prepared a report of their investigation and brought it to the District Attorney's Office, The scheme unraveled several months which filed charges in December, 2002. contacted San Francisco police. The involvement in the scheme.. See Page 7

New Elder Abuse Prevention Guide Released

Recently my office joined with Company, the lienholder of the vehicle, AARP to release a comprehensive persuade older homeowners to borrow \$12,896.74, for its loss on the alleged consumer guide to help Californians money through home equity loans for Instead of his vehicle being stolen, friends. This free booklet, "A Citizen's health care costs. Often these loans are how to detect the most common pre-payment penalties and to allow Fukushimatouse the garage of his warning signs of abuse and neglect, including abuse in long-term care facilities, and where to report this that they cannot afford to pay off the abuse. It also offers practical advice on how to help prevent an elderly family home. Older homeowners are also told his conspireators they could take any member or friend from falling victim to targets of home improvement scams financial and other scams.

Because of fears of retaliation or shame at being victimized, the elderly materials and may sometimes involve are sometimes afraid to report abuse. It may take a courageous and caring family member, friend or caretaker to take action. Any person who suspects care facility should contact their local rights lawyer and most notably the first that abuse of an elder has occurred should report it. When in doubt, always err on the side of caution and report.

Physical and emotional elder abuse intimidation, isolation, or subjecting an in a facility should contact their local individual to fear or scrious emotional distress. Abuse can be inflicted by a agency or local law enforcement. The family member or caretaker or may reporting person is protected from both as skilled nursing facilities or residenor any untreated medical conditions.

Financial abuse can range from taking After graduating first in his law school money from a wallet, to manipulating a Sacramento, CA 95814. victim into turning over property to an

by C.4 Attorney General Bill Lockyer fraud, which is estimated to cost Over 200,000 Californians are Americans \$40 billion each year. AARP victims of elder abuse every year. With has found that 56 percent of those called vigilance and cooperation, we can help by telemarketers to purchase goods and services are aged 50 or older.

Unscrupulous lenders sometimes protect their elderly relatives and home repairs, debt consolidation or Guide to Preventing and Reporting packed with high interest costs, Elder Abuse," provides information on excessive fees, costly credit insurance,

balloon payments. Often these homeowners are devastated to find out loans, and as a result, may lose their which result in services far more costly than promised, the use of inferior theft from the elder's home.

Anyone who knows or suspects an incident of elder abuse in a long-term Long-Term Care Ombudsman, local law enforcement agency or the State's Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse at (800) 722-0432. Anyone county Adult Protective Services enminal and civil liability

"A Citizen's Guide to Preventing tial care facilities for the elderly. Signs and Reporting Elder Abuse" is include excessive weight loss, poor documents/citizens guide.pdf. A free Attomcy General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center, 1300 I Street,

We are all responsible for assuring abuser, and can wipe out a victim's life that California's senior citizens live in savings in the blink of an eye. Seniors are peace and dignity, and free from the

New Laws in Effect for 2002 Income Tax

than taxes is the fact that each year brings changes to the tax laws.

rates were lowered by 1/2 percent pals and aides. Qualified persons may across the four highest income tax now deduct up to \$250 in expenses for Marshall is one of the best known rates? Plus, a new 10 percent tax rate is books, classroom supplies and com-

pay for college or other post-

Perhaps the only thing more certain turns are not eligible at all.

A new educator's deduction of \$250 applies to elementary and secondary For example, did you know that tax school teachers, counselors, principuter equipment regardless of whether

A new minimum allowable contribution has been established for There's also a new tuition deduction taxpayers who participate in a 401(k) contribution to these plans is now \$11,000 for 2002 or \$12,000 for those Qualified persons may now deduct persons age 50 or older by the end of

There's also an increase in the

Cooking Up a New Way to Deal With Spam

That's because a trade organization

The Thurgood Marshall stamp was routing information, fails to provide government legislates a solution.

There may be good news for The organization contends that the

*Time used deleting material,

*Inadvertent exposure to material

*Loss of consumer confidence in

*Increased cost of Internet connec-The organization, known as the tion as ISPs pass the cost of spam on to

The Internet Alliance believes that to deliver permission-based e-mails. However, when e-mail offers false That's why it is in the industry's information in the source, subject or interest to regulate itself before

To learn what you can do to help in Declarations filed under penalty of Anz, and is the eighth in the Black to someone who has asked to be left the battle against spam, visit the Web

Book Reviews

Avoiding a Family Feud

You can pick your friends, but not As such, they can be a source of joy, or a source of stress and confusion.

Whether it's the overbearing motherin-law, the complaining uncle, the who annoys you at holiday gatherings, navigating these relationships successfully often calls for patience, insight and skill.

Fortunately, help is on the way. A new successfully deal with the behaviors and situations that families face.

Can't Stand Them) (McGraw Hill, \$12.95) offers skills to navigate-and www.quirkbooks.com. survive-family gatherings and visits, and is written by the authors of the bestselling book Dealing with People Medical Emergencies You Can't Stand.

From the technique described as the Art of the Apology to the Obligation Checklist, the authors, Dr. Rick Brinkman and Dr. Rick Kirschner offer savvy advice and quick wit, along with new insights, anecdotes and appealing cartoons.

The book is divided into four sections. The first, Meet the Relatives, includes eight family fables and a Lens of Understanding into the motives for the "eight by fate" behaviors that make for difficult relations.

The second part is Family Camp, with a basic set of communication skills that include how to handle guilt, criticism, bossing, boasting, rebellion, shyness and interference.

A third section, Family Gatherings, offers the rules of non-engagement, along with support strategies for dealing with special situations, such as reunions and holiday gatherings.

The fourth and final section discusses specific options for dealing with the General, the Judge, the Pleaser, the VIP, the Rebel, the Martyr, the Meddler and the Mystery

Authors, speakers, and naturopathic physicians, Brinkman and Kirschner are both married, have children, and live in

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.DealingWithRelatives.com.

Joy and Fulfillment

beyond imagining. That's the message found in a new book. The Secret: happy in this world," said Melody Fulfillment, visit www.kahba lah.com. tool that anyone can turn to in a crisis.

Even the smallest act of kindness can

changing consequences. Called The provoke blank stares. For example, kindness. The Turtle Saver is sold at Big Medical Emergencies is essential. booksellers; to learn more, call 1-800-

Dealing with Relatives (Even If You the Worst-Case Scenario Survival unique. Handbook. For more information, visit

Little Book of Big

The headache that's been bugging you for the last hour is nothing to worry about. Or is it? When it comes down to it, do you really know when a mild annoyance is by Susan Frost, Executive Director. actually a symptom of a major problem? Alliance for Excellent Education And even if you spotthese warning signs, what do you do next?

Fischer has written a book that is filled with the most valuable information in the world: the knowledge of how to preserve life. The substance of Dr. Fischer's Little Book of Big Medical Emergencies How Common Medical Emergencies ranges from calming advice about simple health problems to detailed guidelines regarding extreme cases.

it could also be the difference between life and death.

Fischer is a graduate of Yale University who worked for four years as an whether Washington will fulfill its emergency careattending physician at Cabrini Medical Center in New York City. His book draws on his knowledge of how to care for dog bites, what to do when someone goes into diabetic shock and how to handle any emergency in

Medical Emergencies is laid out in an alphabetical format that allows readers to The true destiny of humans is not pain look up broad categories of medical and suffering, but a joy and fulfillment problems. Covering everything from appendicitis to urinary tract problems, the book is a quick reference that allows Unlocking The Source of Joy and readers to access information in a flash. Fulfillment (Kabbalah Publishing, Once the reader pinpoints the correct \$12.95), which offers a "simple but section, Fischer defines the problem, lists potent reminder of the only way to be the symptoms and tells the reader what to do. Just as important, the sections go on to Beattie, international best-selling author inform the reader of what not to do and of Codependent No More, The how to conduct follow-up care. Written Language of Letting Go and Choices. in an easy-to-read style that avoids For more information on The Secret: medical terminology in favor of basic Unlocking the Source of Joy and English, the book is a non-intimidating

Readers may think they know old have far-reaching results. That's the favorites like the Heimlich maneuver, but premise behind a delightfully illustrated in an emergency, having the procedure

4 - MARCH 2003 - VISITACION VALLEY GRAPEVINE new book, written in rhyme, that shows spelled out is imperative. Even for those how sometimes seemingly separate who know what to do in case of choking events are actually connected, with life- or a heart attack, other emergencies may Turtle Saver (Quail Ridge Press, applying pressure to a bleeding wound is \$16.95), this heartwarming book by instinctual. But what do you do if that is writer and illustrator Laurie Parker not sufficient? The answer involves your relatives. Family, contend the chronicles a remarkable chain of events "pressure points," and it is not intuitive. In authors of a new book, is family for life. set into motion by a simple act of such cases, Dr. Fischer's Little Book of

But the book is more than just a guide to 343-f583 or visit www.turtlesaver.com. first aid. What truly adds to Fischer's The light-hearted but delightfully work is its explanation of basic meddling parent, or just the sibling useful Action Hero's Handbook (Quirk principles. The correct way to call 911 is Books, \$14.95), by David and Joe covered, as is the proper method to take a Borgenricht, teaches people the tricks pulse or measure vital signs. While the found in their favorite action movies and listing of symptoms is detailed enough to TV shows. Five chapters show you how make the book invaluable for that reason to brush up your good guy skills, your alone, information that other medical book offers expert advice on how to love skills, your paranormal skills, your books miss; like a checklist for travelers fighting skills and your escape skills. and a listing of poison center locations David Borgenricht is the co-author of across America; makes Fischer's text

> The purpose of Dr Fischer's Little Book of Big Medical Emergencies is to help the layperson respond quickly and effectively to medical emergencies. It could help readers save a life; possibly

In America's schools, class sizes are ballooning. It's increasingly difficult to To help solve this dilemma, Dr. Stuart recruit and retain well-qualified teachers would help our schools and students meet. At a time when homeland security is for our inner city and rural schools. A quarter of our nation's eighth grade students read at "below basic" levels, achievement in every classroom in the future is our best defense. Between 9th and 12th grades, 1.4 million of our children will drop out of high school. to Recognize and Respond to the Most Of those who enter college, close to 30 percent will have to take remedial courses n reading, writing, or math.

common, however, is that the informa- since World War II. Governors and state balanced budget mandates.

districts cut vital services and lay off teachers, doubts are being raised about promise to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act, the landmark education legislation put forward by President Bush. Congress has yet to decide, for example invested in the next school year. The U.S. Senate wants to add \$6.5 billion in new practically no increases.

This is not the time for the federal to improve the educational opportunities offered to our nation's most at-risk children. If Washington turns its back, millions of children will be left behind.

The Alliance for Excellent Education. a national non-profit organization advocating on behalf of America's six million at-risk middle and high school students, is urging Congress and the President to agree to the Senate's \$6.5

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7th Ave. at Lawton St. Free! *Integrated Pest Management: Saturday, Mar. 22, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The basics of IPM will be covered in this workshop, focusing on least toxic ways to deal with pests and diseases. Learn to create an ecosystem in your garden by planting to attract wildlife and a diversity of beneficial insects, which help prevent pest problems. Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave. at Lawton St. Free! This workshop is part of our Resource Efficient Gardening and Landscaping Program, Pre-registration required, call SLUG's Education Dept. at (415) 255-

4493 to pre-register. *Introduction to Imigation Systems: Saturday, Mar. 29, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join SLUG and the Urban Farmer Store for this workshop on the basics of installing an imigation system. Learn the most effective way to deliver water to your landscape with minimal waste. Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave. at Lawton St. Free! This workshop is part of our Resource Efficient Gardening and Landscaping Program, Pre-registration required, call SLUG's Education Dept. at (415) 255-4493 to pre-register.

Will Washington Keep Its Promise to Our Students?

Community Center at 103 Raymond Ave. was demolished in January.

After nearly 85 years, the original location of the Visitacion Valley

Original VVCC Gone ... But Not Forgotten

billion education investment.

President's No Child Left Behind Act. It school, prepared for college. the requirements of the new law and work such a priority for the nation, we must toward the goal of raising student remember that investing in our children's

country. This investment must be This investment is a necessary down enacted if we are going to give every child payment on the promises made in the the opportunity to graduate from high

Identity Theft Could Happen to You

Very, according to consumer interest against ID theft. In fact, the Federal groups. Most recently, three help desk States across the country are facing employees at Teledata Communica- an opt-out sample letter to help serious injuries. What all of it has in rapidly growing budget crises - the worst tions were arrested for allegedly stealing streamline the process. and selling private information from tion could be the difference between legislators are being forced to slash some 30,000 individuals, in what's mail that can help reduce exposure to rapid recovery or prolonged pain. In education funding in order to meet thought to be the biggest ID theft case in personal information theft, including a U.S. history. It's been estimated that as recommendation against leaving credit Yet, even as states and local school many as 700,000 people are victims of card payments in the mailbox for your identity theft annually.

"If you think that the odds of becoming a victim of identity theft are rampant in many areas. slim-to-none, think again," says Richard Roll, president of the American Homeowners Association (AHA). "It's important to learn how to protect from for individuals who have become about how much federal money should be against 1D theft, as well as what to do victims of identity theft, to help speed the immediately, if you become a victim."

mother's maiden name, telephone have stolen your personal information. government to renege on its commitment intimber or date of birth as a password or easily guessed by criminals.

Getting offmailing and telemarketing coming a victim," says Roll.

How real is the threat of identity theft? lists is another way to help protect Trade Commission (FTC) has created

> There are at least five steps relating to letter carrier to pick up after you have left home for the day. Mailbox theft is

Time is of the essence when you realize you've become a victim of ID theft. The FTC has created a special fraud affidavit process of alerting your creditors. There are many steps individuals can. Contacting creditors is just one of several Dr. Fischer's Little Book of Big investments over and above the President's take to help guard against the fraudulent steps that should be taken immediately to budget while the House has proposed use of their personal information. For helpmitigatethedamagetoyourcreditand instance, it's NOT a good idea to use your to help locate and prosecute those who

> "The more you know about preventpersonal identification number (PIN), ing ID theft, the better you can protect because that information could be too- yourself and your family against the potentially devastating effects of be-



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Match clues to answers 1929

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- 1. Explored vast areas of Antarctica. 2. Gangster killings in Chicago on Feb. 14.
- 3. Air ship completed trip around the world on Aug. 29.
- 4. Voted Best Picture at Academy Awards on May 16.
- Inaugurated President on Mar. 4. 6. Winner of Nobel Prize for
- literature on Dec. 10. New invention successfully
- tested on Sept. 30. 8 Bad day for stock market on
- Oct. 24.
- German war reparations. 10. World's Fair opened on May 19.
- 11. Regulatory law enacted on July 1. 12. They starred in The Cocoanuts.
- 13. Became dictator in Yugoslavia on Jan. 6.
- 14. Seized by Chinese rebels on Feb. 23 15. World Series champions on Oct.
- sovereignty of Vatican City on Feb. 11. 17. New British Prime Minister on
- 18. Sinking of steamship off coast of San Francisco on Aug. 30.

Five Years Ago In the Grapevine

*Students of Visitacion Valley Middle School combined music and verse in a spirited afternoon Black History As-Mayor Willie Brown.

Organizers for Visitacion Valley's Neighborhood Day said they wanted to vice to trust none." see the impending implosion of Geneva the May 16 community event.

*San Francisco's Board of Supervisors brought their regular weekly meeting to Visitacion Valley on Mar. 2, where neighborhood residents packed the Sunnydale Auditorium to voice their concerns.

*In a contentious Sunday afternoon meeting on Feb. 8, neighbors who live adjacent to McLaren Park Inudly opposed the installation of a proposed disc golf course.

A. Barcelona

Pinedale

Powell

Riverton

Rock

Springs

Sundance

Thermopolis

Torrington

Wheatland

Worland

- B. Thomas Mann C. Philadelphia Athletics
- D. Young Plan
- E. Marx Brothers King Alexander
- G. Black Thursday
- H. Wings I, Graf Zeppelin
- J. Immigration Act
- K. Lateran Treaty
- L. Ramsay MacDonald M. Herbert Hoover
- N. San Juan
- O. Rocket plane
- P. Hiinan
- Q. Valentines' Day Massacre
- R. Comm.Richard Byrd

14-P: 15-C: 16-K; 17-L; 18-N. 9. Agreement organized June 8 for [3-8] [3-7] [4-1] [4-1] [4-0] [6-6] [9-8] [9-8] Ansners 1-R;2-Q;3-1;4-H;5-M;6-B;

Sez Who?

Match quotes to speakers

- 1. "You can't turn back the clock, but you can wind it up again."
- "Never try to reason the 16. Pact with Italy recognizing prejudice out of a man. It was not Decorating Products, to save time and reasoned into him, and cannot be eliminate messes. While you're painting, reasoned out.
 - i. "To know one has a secret is to know half the secret itself."
 - proper ears."
 - 5. "Solvency is entirely a matter of temperament and not income."
 - 6. "Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without or call 1-800-488-6117. strategy.
- sembly on Feb. 27 which featured fulfillment and happiness. Just because enlightening words from guest speaker they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost."
 - 'It is a vice to trust all and equally a
- 9. "You never know what is enough Towers take place the same weekend as unless you know what is more than enough.
 - A. Rudyard Kipling
 - B. Henry Ward Beecher C. Logan Pearsall
 - D. Bonnie Pruden
 - E. H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
 - F. William Blake
 - G. Seneca H. Sydney Smith
 - 1. Norman Schwarzkopf

7-E: 8-C: 9-F Answers 1-D; 2-H; 3-B; 4-A; 5-C; 6-L;

Sump, the Grump







Did You Know?

According to a recent survey, 94 percent of this year's law school graduates financed their studies through school loans and 50 percent graduated with debts of \$75,000 or more. The Web-based survey found that, due to debt from school loans. 66 percent of new lawyers aren't even considering low-paying public interest or government jobs. In response to the issues raised by the survey, a growing number of law schools are developing loan repayment assistance programs (ERAPS) to help ease the financial hurdens of graduates.

*Fake or dummy airbags are, in many cases, no airbag at all-it's a repair scam on therise. The problem is that airbays are not something you use until you have to. which means you may not know it's missing until you're in the middle of an accident. It's important to get the used car you want to buy certified by a reliable source such as CarFax.com.

*Some companies have embarked on partnerships with school districts and educational reform initiatives to help make science education a priority. Mcrck & Co., Inc., a leading pharmaceutical company that invests nearly \$3 billion annually in the search for new cures, took the lead nearly 10 years ago. Beginning in 1993. Merck established the Merck Institute for Science Education (MISE) with a 10-year commitment and a \$20 million grant. Throughout the past decade, MISE partnered with school districts in communities surrounding some of Merck's largest facilities. The goal has been to improve participation and performance in science for students in kindergarten through the eighth grade.

*Your morning cup of joe could save lives. The average latte lover may not have noticed, but coffee prices are suffering a worldwide collapse, resulting in poverty andruin for over 25 million coffee farmers. One solution is Fair Trade certificationwhich guarantees coffee farmers receive a fair price for their beans. For more information: www.Fair TradeCertified.org.

*When shopping for a credit card, it's important to evaluate all the fees as well as the introductory and regular interest rate. say experts at Money Rules, an initiative run by America's Community Bankers. If you only make minimum payments, you may never pay off the debt. Try to set up a payment calendar and work toward paying off your balance. For more tips, visit the Web site at www. Americas Community Bankers.com.

*There are ways to make painting easier, say the experts. For example, you can use a paint tray, such as the Close-N-Go Covered Paint Tray from Roman the Close-N-Go can be used to hold the paint can (no drips) and other accessories. When the day is done-and the project isn't-4. "Never praise a sister to a sister, in the the paint and roller can be sealed inside and hope of your compliments reaching the used again days or even weeks later. This saves time (no clean up) and money (no wasted paint). For more home improvementtips and information on the Close-N-Go Covered Paint Tray, www.RomanDecoratingProducts. com

*Individuals who wish to do a 7. "People take different roads seeking background check of a charitable Alliance, Council of Better Business Bureaus, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, homeim provement. VA 22203, or visit the Web site at www.give.org. To learn more, or to report fraud online, visit the Postal Inspection Service at www.usps.com/postalin spectors.

*A new NASA computer model can now tell exactly where in the world rain or used in any phase of the illegal scheme. snow originated. Scientists can use this water vapor tracer to improve rainfall and drought forecasts and gain a deeper understanding of climate change. To learn and tips on how to avoid getting taken by more, visit the Web site at http:// various.schemes. earthobservatory.nasa.gov.

Starting the house hunting process online can save you valuable time, and help make the entire transaction a little easier-especially if the buying information licensed real estate professional. Many home buyers visit Web sites set up by real estate agencies, because these sites offer detailed property information, multiple community information and general real estate industry information. According to national full-service real estate firms,

Century 21 Real Listate Corporation ranks highest in overall satisfaction for first-time homebuyers and highest in overall satisfaction with Inteniet services proinformation, visit www.Century21.com.

*Consumer research indicates that one of the most commonly used items with a lit to America. cordless drill is a stud-finder-a tool used to find studs hidden behind finished drywall. Based on that need. Skil designed its cordless drill with a "slide in" area on top to house a detachable stud-finder. This feature not only saves the consumer from 14, 1612. having to purchase a separate stud-finder. but also keeps the two products together for easy access and use. The Skil Stud Finder Drill Driver system has been called the perfect partner for home improvement mirrors, building shelves or any project ears and legs. that involves drilling into a stud.

active music-making to such benefits as 1961 improved brainpower, academic performance and social adjustment, the muiumedia Sesune Succtiviusic Works" program provides the start of a lifetime of interactive Sesame Street Music Zone and increased athletic prowess. Street Music Zonc, go to karate. www.sesamestreet.com. To find out more about music's proven benefits for kids. visitwww.amc-music.org.

*One candy manufacturer recently introduced Cookies&, a new treat that name derives from the Arab words for pairs some of America's favorite candy bars such as M&M's, Snickers, Twix and Milky Way with another all-time favorite, cookies. The new treat-Cookies& Snickers, Cookies& Twix, Cookies& Milky Way and Cookies&: M&Ms-is available in supermarkets and drug stores and in a 10-count multipack

*According to the experts at Westinghouse Electric Company, nuclear power saves America-and, consequently, its taxpayers-money in a number of ways. Compared to other energy sources, it is low in cost, and less sensitive to fuel price increases. A little bit of uranium produces a lot of electricity. To learn where your House of Representatives, Washington, 1880-81 D.C. 20515 and the U.S. Senate. Washington, D.C. 20510.

*Industrial engineer and inventor James Dysondeveloped cyclone vacuum cleaner technology after his traditional bag vacuum cleaner failed to do its job. Today. Dyson vacuum cleaners are the top-selling vacuums in Western Europe. Now they are available in the U.S. for the first time. Consumers also like the removable clear bin that lets you throw away dust and dirt without any mess. There's also a lifetime HEPA filter that traps microscopic particles. For more information, visit www.dyson.comorcall 1-866-693-9766.

*The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed the ENERGY STAR Home Improvement Toolbox, an interactive Web site to help homeowners make smarthome improvements that save energy and money, year after year. The Home Improvement Toolbox provides practical advice and resources for homeowners, whether they are undergo- created when oysters swallowed ing extensive renovations, looking for energy-efficiency improvements or searching for new products for their homes. The organization may contact the Wise Giving Home Improvement Toolbox can be found online at www.energystar.gov/

*For over 200 years Postal Inspectors have safeguarded the customers of the U.S. Postal Service. That familiar group of crime fighters also joins the effort to stamp out Internet fraud. Fraud on the Internet becomes mail fraud when the U.S. Mail is The U.S. Postal Inspection Service maintains a home page containing information on the mission of the Service

*Voice mail performs several different functions that can add value, convenience and flexibility to a customer's phone service. Home Voice Mail makes it possible to access think of when bagpipes are mentioned. comes from a reliable source, such as a messages at any time, whether at home or away from home. Subscribers don't have to worry about garbled messages or damaged tapes because services such as Verizon own and operate voice photos and virtual home tours, maps of mail equipment. Even if there is a home locations, neighborhood and power outage in the home, messages remain secure since Verizon maintains backup generators at all of its switching www.venzon.com.

As a Matter of Fact

*The Gennan prince, Albert, after his vided to home scillers. For more marriage to Queen Victoria, brought the custom of decorating a Christmas tree to Englandand German immigrants brought

*The baby carriage was invented in 1848 by a New Yorker named Charles Burton.

*The first newspaper advertisement appeared in a French newspaper on Oct.

*About 56,000 Americans are over 100 years old. *The smallest horse is the Fallabella

which grows only 30 inches high. *Hares are not true rabbits. In general projects like hanging heavy pictures or thares are larger and usually have longer

*The first continually operating laser *Created in response to studies linking was produced in the United States in

*In ancient times, the agate was thought to have the power to render someone invisible. Other alleged properties of the stone include the promotion of fertility, music-making. Children can visit the free. protection against storms and lightning

Web site or order the "Music Works *On Mar. 2, 1960, Elvis Presley Wonders" video. To visit the Sesame received his first degree black belt in

*The principal instrument in the Arab world, the Oud, is a short-necked, half pear-shaped plucked lute. It is the direct ancestor of the European lute. The Oud's branch of wood.

*In ancient Egypt, New Year was celebrated near the end of September when the River Nile flooded.

*In 1995, a 26 mile long, 48 mile wide and 600-foot thick iceberg | roughly the size of Luxembourg) broke off from Antarctica and floated out to sea.

*There is approximately one chicken for every human being in the world.

*In China and Japan, the pine tree was considered the symbol of life, longevity and immortality

*Camels have three eyelids to protect them from blowing sand.

*The most rainfall ever received in one legislators stand on this issue, write to the year was 1,041 inches in Assam, India. *In his career, choreographer George

> Balanchine created more than 200 ballets *In circus jargon, the acrobat who stands at the bottom of a human pyramid is

called an understander. *Baldwin apples are named for engineer

Loammi Baldwin, who grew them. *The tallest indoor waterfall is in the lobby of the International Center Building in Detroit. It is 114 feet tall.

*In Wales, hazel twigs were once woven into a wishing cap which, it was believed, would grant the wearer's desire.

*The first practical battery was developed by Count Alessandro Volta in the 1790s.

*Though considered a classic today, the Mona lisa, completed by Leonardo da Vinci in 1503, was disliked at the time by the subject's husband, who refused to pay for the work.

*Some cultures believe pearls were *Some people once believed that a

sapphire would protect the wearer against the powers of darkness. *Lincoln was the first president to be

photographed at his inauguration. *In some parts of the world, it is believed

that placing an acom on the window sill will prevent the house from being struck by lightning.

*In England, it is believed that if you squeeze an apple seed between your fingers, it will fly out in the direction of the home of a future love.

*The concertina belongs to the same class of instruments as accordians and harmonicas. It was developed in 1829 by Sir Charles Wheatstone.

*Mincemeat pies developed as a way of preserving chopped or minced meat,

*The Great Highland Bagpipe is native to Scotland and is the pipe most people

*The first automobile race in the United States was held in Illinois in 1895. The track ran from Chicago to Evanston, with the winner averaging 7.5 miles per hour. *In the town of Blythe, California, it is illegal to wear a cowboy hat on Mai Street if you do not own at least five head of cattle.

*In England, some believe it's necessary to leave the lid off the pot J.D. Power and Associates, among offices. To learn more, visit when cooking vegetables that grow on MAPN top of the ground ..

Visitacion Valley Police Log

*Jan 4 3 30 p.m., Wilde Ave & Girard St., robbery on street, strongann *Jan 5 12 02 p.m., 1800 block of Sunnydale Ave, aggravated assault with bodily force

*Jan. 5. 1 p.m., Brookdale Ave. & Santos St. aggravated assault with kmfe

*Jan. 3-2 p.m., 000 block of Garrison Ave , robbery on street, strongann

*Jan 5 7 p.m. 2600 block of Bayshore Blvd burglary of store, forcible entry *Jan 6 5 45 p.m., Bayshore Blvd &

Recipe Corner

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Cookies

(Yield 48 cookies) 1/2 eup Smucker's brown sugar, 1/4 cup honey, 1 large force. egg; 2 eups all-purpose flour; 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder: 1-1/2 cup Smucker's Strawberry or Grape Jelly,

1 Mix peanut butter, sugar, butter, foreible entry honey and egg

2. In a separate bowl, whisk together. St., grand theft from locked autowell

3 Divide the dough into four equal wrap or waxed paper and refrigerate 2 foreible entry. hours or overnight.

4 Remove portions from relingerator and place each portion between 2 bodily force sheets of plastic wrap or waxed paper 1/8-meh thick. (Refrigerate dough forcible entry again if it becomes too soft to handle).

drinking glass or cookie cutter, cut forcible entry dough into circles. Using a smaller drinking glass or cookie cutter, cut Bruno Ave., aggravated assault with victim insurance companies smaller circles or "windows" in half knife the number of circles. Transfer cookies to a non-stick baking sheet, leaving 1/2-inch between them.

6 Bake all cookies 5-6 minutes or until they're just starting to brown, bodily force Using a spatula, transfer the cookies to a cooling rack. When cookies have & Tunnel Ave, attempted homicide cooled, spread jelly on the plain with gun. eookies and top with the "window"

CRIME-STOPPERS (anonymous) 1-800-2GIVEINFO

DPW (days) 695-2017, (nights/weekends) 895-2020

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882-4949

696-2162

864-4722

553-1603

INGLESIDESTATION (Analymous 3333433) 563-1633 VVMS ANNONYMOUS HOTUNE

Hester Ave robbery bodily force *Jan. 7 12 noon, 000 block of Brookdale Ave., burglary of residence, foreible entry

*Jan 8 5 17 p.m., Sun Bruno Ave & Insurance Fraud Scheme Wabash Ter, robbery on street, strongan n

with gun.

*.lan. 9 3 10 p.m., 1300 block of Grard St., robbery bodily force

*Jan 9 6.30 p.m., Wilde Ave & Goettingen St. robbery on street, strongarm

*Jan. 10 7 30 a.m., 100 block of Visitation Ave burglary of residence.

forcible entry

St., robbery on street, strongami Summydale Ave , burglary of residence.

forcible entry Natural Peanut Butter. 1/3 eup *Jan. 13 1 a.m., 600 block of Velasco unsalted butter, ½ cup packed light. Ave aggravated assault with bodily counts of grand thell, four counts of

> *Jan. 15, 7:30 a.m., Rutland St & Visitacion Ave., grand theft piekpocket. *Jan. 17. 10 p.m., 100 block of Blythdale Ave., burglary of residence, months in state prison, a line of \$16

flour, salt and baking powder, add to *Jan 20, 2.17 p.m., 1600 block of the peanut butter mixture and mix Sunnydale Ave., attempted homicide investigators from the District Attorney's with gun.

*Jan. 21. 11 a.m., 100 block of portions. Wrap each portion in plastic Peabody St., burglary of residence,

Ave., attempted robbery on street with support of a fraudulent insurance claim,

Roll each portion into a "sheet" about Bayshore Blvd, burglary of residence, counts of attempted grand theft, and three

*Jan 26 10 a.m., 1900 block of 5. Preheat oven to 350. Using a Sunnydale Ave, burglary of residence, laces a maximum peralty of 21 years in

*Jan 28 4 p.m., Teddy Ave. &

*Jan 29 8 45 p.m., Bayshore Blvd

*Jan. 30: 10:03 p.m., 000 block of NAPS Raymond Ave., burglary, unlawful entry attempted grand theft, all felonies. If

From the D.A.'s Office

Four Arrested in Auto

Four people were arrested Jan 29 m connection with an automobile insurance *Jan 8 5 56 p.m., Sawyer St & fraud scheme The scheme included Sunnydale Ave., attempted homicide numerous fraudulent claims fited against three insurance companies.

The four suspects included Lawrence Babb, 35, of Oakland, Knstina Hermanson, 27, of Walnut Creek, Enn Bowers, 32, of Mountain View, and Kenneth Montalvo, 42, of Burlingame

Mi Babb surrendered Jan 28 to authorities in San Francisco. He was charged with conspiracy, ten counts of *Jan 10 3 15 p.m. 000 block of Delta filing a fraudulent insurance claim, ten counts of filing a false automobile *Jan. 11 6.30 a.m., 1800 block of insurance claim, two counts of submitting a writing in support of a fraudulent instrance claim, one count of filing multiple claims for the same loss, six attempted grand theft, and four counts of money laundering, all l'elonies. If convicted of all counts, Mr. Babb faces a maximum penalty of 18 years and 8 million and being ordered to pay full *Jan 19 8 p.m., 100 block of Talbert restitution to the victim insurance companies

Ms. Hennanson surrendered Jan. 29 to Office. She has been charged with conspiracy, eight counts of filing a fraudulent insurance claim, eight counts of filing a false automobile insurance claim, *Jan. 22 6.55 p.m., 200 block of Arleta seven counts of submitting a writing in one count of filing multiple claims for the *Jan 24 12:30 p.m. 2100 block 0f same loss, five counts of grand theft, three counts of money laundening, all felonies If convicted of all counts, Ms. Hermanson state prison, a fine of \$1.5 nullion and *Jan 27: 9 20 a.m., 3500 block of San being ordered to pay full restitution to the

Mr. Montalvo also surrendered Jan. 29 to authorities in San Francisco. He is Rutland St., robbery on street, strongami. charged with conspiracy, eight counts of *Jan. 29. 8 30 p.m., 100 block of filing a fraudulent insurance claim, eight Blythdale Ave., aggravated assault with counts of filing a false automobile insurance claim, three counts of submitting a writing in support of a fraudulent insurance claim, one count of filing multiple claims for the same loss, five counts of grand theft, and three counts of

San Francisco City Meetings

Aging 1st Wed 9 30a, Airport 1st/3rd Tu 3p, Arts 1st Mon 3p, Education 2 nd/4th Tu 7p, Health 1st/ 3rd Tu 3p, Housing Auth 2nd/4th Th 4p, Human Rights 1st/3rd Th 4 30p, Library 1st Tu 5.30p, Planning Th 1 30p, Police Wed 5 30p, Port 1st Tu/3rd Wed 4 30p, Public Utililies 2nd/4th Tu 2p, Rec & Park 3rd Th 2p, Social Services 4th Th 9a,

Mondays: Senior Shopping 11 30 a.m., Tuesdays Senior Ceramics 930 a m-4 p m, Senior Bingo 1230 om, Thursdays: Sewing Class 9 am -3 pm

convicted of all counts, Montalvo faces a VISITACION VALLEY GRAPEVINE - MARCH 2003 - 7 maximum penalty of 15 years in state prison, a fine of \$550,000 and being insurance companies

Ms. Bowers was arrested at her Mountain Viewhome Jan. 24 by investigators from the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and the California Department of Insurance Fraud Division. She is charged with conspiracy, two counts of filing a fraudulent insurance claim, two counts of filing a false automobile insurance claim, five counts of submitting a writing in support of a fraudulent insurance claim, one count of grand theft, one count of attempted grand theft, and one count of money hundering, all telonies If convicted of all counts, Ms. Bowers faces a maximum penalty of 11 years and 8 months. ordered to pay full restitution to the victim insurance companies

Declarations filed in support of the arrest warrants against the four allege that in 1998 and 1999 the defendants conspired to file ten fraudulent auto insurance claims against three insurers. Ms. Hermanson filed eight of the fraudulent claims and Ms Bowers the other two. At the time of their claims both Hermanson and Bowers claimed to be the fiance of Babb

Although he was not the insured person on the insurance policies, or the registered owner of the vehicles on which the fraudulent claims were made, Mr. Babb involved himself heavily in the handling of most of the claims. This included dealing with insurance company representatives in processing the claims, as well as with automotive businesses at which repair work was allegedly being done Mr Montalvo was employed at the time as a Behnont In that capacity, he was the contact person to whom Ms. Hermanson. would refer insurance representatives for confirmation of repair work supposedly completed on Ms. Hermanson's 1991 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL convertible The work was supposedly done to repair vandalism or theft.

In the traudulent claims filed by Ms. Hennanson, the representations made to the insurance companies by Montalvo, Hermanson and Babb - that such repair work had been done to the vehicle at Autobahn - were false. Mr. Montalvo was also allegedly compensated monetarily for assisting in the scheme. There was also one

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instance where Hermanson and Babb elained the same loss twice with two ordered to pay full restitution to the victim - different insurers. California State Automobile Association (CSAA) and Allstate The total amount of money claimed by Hermanson on her eight fraudulent claims was \$48,747.48 Of this, she was purdover

\$33,000 by insurers. In three instances, after receiving settlements from insurance companies, Ms. Hermanson, together with Mr. Babb, allegedly laundered the money she had traudulently obtained from the insurers by either cashing or depositing her proceeds at a bank and then transferring the money to Mr. Babb

Mr Babb also assisted Ms Bowers in pursuing two fraudulent claims with her vehicle - at the time she was claiming he in state prison, a fine of \$600,000 and being washer france. The two alleged that on two separate occasions in 1999, all four wheels and tires from ber 1995 Range Rover had been stolen in both cases, Bowers submitted documentation to her insurer. State Fann, clanning she and Babb had obtained replacement tires and wheels at Land Rover Redwood City. She sought reimbursement from State Farm for the new tires and wheels. In fact, the documents were false. On the first claim, however, State Farm, believing the paperwork was legitimate, paid Bowers \$5,779 Bowers, together with Babb, then allegedly laundered the money she had fraudulently obtained from State Fann

Mr Bowers cashed the insurance settlement check and then, within a day, Babb depositing \$5,000 in eash into his own bank account. On Ms. Bowers' second claim, made two months later for nearly \$9,000 and involving stolen wheels and tires, she also claimed the theft of her service writer at Autobahn Motors in car stereo State Farm eventually denied

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Preventing Static Fires at the Gas Pump



Static was responsible in 150 researched cases for fires while pumping gas.

The Petroleum Equipment Institute like aluminum foil in a microwave oven of static (that is, static electricity) at connected with static discharges. were very surprising:

were women.

person getting hack in their vehicle customer, while the nozzle was still pumping *Seventeen fires occurred before, gas. When finished, they went hack during or immediately after the gas then as a result of static discharge.

*Most men never get hack in their vehicle until completely finished, while filling it with gas. If you This is why they are seldom involved absolutely have to get in your vehicle in these types of fires.

* Most had on ruhher-soled shoes.

cause a sparking on bare metal, much remove the nozzle.

is working on a campaign to try and *ft is the vapors that come out of the make people aware of fires as a result gas that cause the fire, when

gas primps. They have researched. *In 29 fires, the vehicle had been 150 cases of these fires. The results reentered and the nozzle was touched during refueling. This occurred in a *Out of 150 cases, almost alf of them variety of makes and models. Some resulting in extensive damage to the *Almost all cases involved the vehicle, to the station, and to the

to pull the nozzle out. The fire started cap was removed and before fueling began.

Never get back into your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door touching *Don't ever use cell phones when the metal before you touch the nozzfe. pumping gas. (The RF energy from a. This way the static from your hody cell phone (a radio transmitter) can will be discharged before you ever

American workers will he feft to pay

Trading Away the Bargaining Power

by Seth Bodner

U.S. trade officials are now the price of sweetheart trade deals noon. moving quickly on two fronts. First, under Fast Track should not he they are wrapping up special "free surprising, trade" agreements with individual Soth Bodher is a consultant with more than 35 countries, particularly Singapore vears experience in international trade and Chile. Second, in an effort to recently he served as Executive Director of the move staffed worldwide trade nego- Nonunal Emprear & Sportswear Association | be held Saturday, Mar. I from t to 4 p.m. Married persons filling separate re- 50 or older by the end of the year. A less than the staffed worldwide trade negotiations, they are offering radical proposals to eliminate afl tariffs on manufactured goods and to minimize agricultural subsidies.

These activities pave the way for even more foreign goods to be sold in the U.S., lowering the job and earning prospects for millions of hardworking Americans

Because it adopted Fast Track rules fast summer, Congress can only await the conclusion of such trade deals and then vote either "yes" or "no," without the possibility of changing any provisions which harm American workers. The U.S. Trade Representative's office is supposed to keep Congress informed about the progress of the negotiations and solicit its input, but in practice this doesn'thappen.

Why did Fast Track pass? Onr trade negotiators told Congress that many nations were making tree trade agreements, but the U.S. was being "left out" hecause Congress might change a trade deal presented to it, undoing years of negotiations. Thus, although America has the world's largest market, our trade negotiators and multinational corporate lobby ists claimed Fast Track was needed to get our trading partners to negotiate. In fact, "free trade" deals were being concluded, but the U.S. Congress is the only national legislature to deny itself the ability to change a bad trade agreement.

The reaf reason to sideline Congress through Fast Track? Both U.S. multinational corporate lobby ists and the U.S. trade negotiators want unfettered power to insert their special deals into trade packages. By hiding favored provisions in a hroader package, the lohhyists and negotiators are assured these will survive-since Congress can't change the final agreement under Fast Track

So Fast Track is really about avoiding Congressional scrutiny of the actions of our trade negotiators and multinational corporations. Given the recent revelations of corporate wrongdoing-while government agencies looked the other way-the fact that

Satellites Continuing to Track West Nile Virus in the U.S.

the sky are helping us stay healthier feeding on hosts like hirds, livestock, conditions are right for the insects to here on earth. A NASA-funded study—other animals and people, one day to have real-time maps to Tips for Preventing focus resources and stave off the disease more efficiently.

The disease, first reported in the From Page 1 U.S. in 1999, causes flu-like symp- can spread during grinding, to at least toms and can lead to fatal encephalitis 160 F. Whote poultry should be cooked in people with compromised immune to 180 F. Cook fish until it is opaque and systems such as the elderly

Though not yet proven, scientists helieve the West Nile Virus may food when you microwave it. Cover spread access the country by infected food, stir and rotate it for even cooking. birds traveling along their migration routes. Mosquitoes that act as vectors uncooked or unpasteurized eggs.

Saturdays are Special At Randall Museum

hands-on art and science workshops every instead. Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at 199 Museum Way (offRoosevelt, abovethe Castro). Allages are welcome; under 8 must be and serving. accompanied by an adult. Museum information.

*Mar, 8: Mardi Gras Masks - Make a magnificent mask for Mardi Gras.

*Mar, †5; Iriangle Mobiles - Constructa triangle mobile using sticks, wire and other objects

*Mar. 22: Newspaper Castles - Build a

stylus to design a beautiful copper foilframe for your favorite photos.

Other regular Saturday activities include: *Monting Family Ceramics from 10 to f1:30 a.m. (\$4-10 sliding scale)

Exhibit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An awards ceremony for the San Francisco Middle School Science Fairwill

Satellites hundreds of miles up in carry the virus, and pass it on when disease outbreaks by showing where

uses temperature and vegetation from The satellite maps show nationwide to be spreading. satellites to help track and predict temperatures, distributions of vegetawhere the West Nile Virus is tion, bird migration routes and areas spreading in North America. Scien-pinpointing reported cases. The researchers see which areas have these tists and public health officials hope combined data helps scientists predict conditions, allowing for better predic-

Foodborne Illness

flakes easily with a fork,

*Make sure there are no cold spots in

Chilling

*Don't defrost or marinate on the The Randall Museum offers drop-in, cold running water or the microwave

perishables within two hours of cooking in 1999.

admission is free with \$3 per person foodborne illnesses, visit the Chlorine a variety of other problems, including workshop fee. Call 554-9600 for further. Chemistry. Council. Web. site. at malaria, dengue fever, Lyme disease www.c3.org.

New Year Brings New Bunch of Tax Laws

Perhaps the only thing more certain turns are not eligible at all than taxes is the fact that each year brings changes to the tax laws,

newspaper eastle taller than your head rates were lowered by 1/2 percent pals and aides. Qualified persons may using everyday recyclables and basic across the four highest income tax now deduct up to \$250 in expenses for rates? Plus, a new 10 percent tax rate is books, classroom supplies and com-*Mar. 29. Copper Foil Frames - Use a now applicable to the first \$6,000 for puter equipment regardless of whether singles. \$10,000 for heads of house- deductions are itemized. hold and \$12,000 for married persons filing joint returns.

that applies to students and others who or 403(h) pfan at work. The maximum *Meetthe Animals from 11:15 a.m. to 12 pay for college or other post-contribution to these plans is now secondary education.

*Animal Feeding at 12 noon. Qualified persons may now deduct persons *Golden Gate Model Railroad Club up to \$3,000 in expenses for tuition the year. and fees if their modified adjusted gross income is at or below \$130,000 maximum deductible contribution for (if married) or \$65,000 (all others). IRAs, to \$3,000 or \$3,500 for persons age

patterns fike the timing of when temperatures peak during a year. Mosquito populations appear to increase during the first half of the year hut only reach sufficient levels to transmit the disease during the second half of the year.

thrive and where the disease appears

Mosquitoes tend to thrive in

Similarly, satellites also help plot

warmer, wetter areas Satellites let

tion of disease transmission.

The idea is to let the satellite capture where the disease is spreading from *Don't consume anything containing year to year and make some predictions about where the disease is going.

The study suggests that a mild kitchen counter. Use the refrigerator, winter in 1998 to 1999 may have provided favorable conditions for mosquitoes to survive the winter, *Refrigerate leftover meat and other leading to a greater number of carriers

The methods used in this research For more information on preventing may be modified and applied to study view influenza, even asthma.

A new educator's deduction of \$250 applies to elementary and secondary For example, did you know that tax school teachers, counselors, princi-

A new minimum allowable contribution has been established for There's also a new tuition deduction taxpayers who participate in a 40 f(k) \$11,000 for 2002 or \$12,000 for those Qualified persons may now deduct persons age 50 or older by the end of

'fhere's also an increase in the

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